



THE VILLAGE LINK



Milton Jensen

A WORD FROM OUR MAYOR.....

This month, May of 2010, marks the 21st birthday of the Village of Beach Park. I guess you might say that we have become of "legal age" and as communities go, we are still young. Although we may be juveniles in the scheme of things we are really very advanced and very progressive. What we have and what we've accomplished in those 21 years is remarkable!

When we were in the process of incorporating one of the most important things that we decided to aim for was to create a village that levied no real estate tax. It was our feeling that we were already being tapped by enough taxing bodies that if we could possibly do it, we were not going to be just one more tax. As we moved along through the process of incorporating, we were told that our idea of trying to operate a municipality without a real estate tax was ridiculous and we were bound to fail. Being novices in the political field we did not take advice very well and we proceeded on to ultimately incorporate without the benefit of a real

estate tax.

Today you see a Village that stands out in front in so many ways. When others all around us are having financial problems, unable to maintain the support level they have become accustomed to and cutting back on staff and services, the Village of Beach Park still moves forward and is financially sound. As a matter of fact, the Village recently received a double AA bond rating from Standard & Poors. This rating for a Village as new as ours and with no real estate tax is practically unheard of. How did this happen to us? It happened because we are very prudent, we plan forward and we only move when we can afford it. That philosophy has proven to be successful.

We utilize technology everywhere we can to make our business and our relationship to our citizens function more effectively. For example, we use the system you have all experienced, which we refer to as "reverse 911". We can notify residents at a street corner, on a block, in a neighborhood, or the en-

tire Village of any emergency or we can pass on any information that the public should know. One example of that would be a boil order issued in the case of a water main break.

We have a village staff that is quite unique. Of the 15 employees that we have, are for the most part, cross qualified, meaning that if one is absent another can fill in the void without missing a beat. We have the fastest turn-around times on building permits and other public requirements of anyone that we are familiar with. We have a staff that is friendly and makes a point to project that to everyone who has a need to do business with the Village.

One of the very first jewels that we added to our crown was what is now known as Geo- Karis Park located on Beach Road. That property was available and we questioned whether or not we could afford to buy it and hang on to it for a future park. After much discussion it was agreed that we would dig deep and spend \$400,000 for this prime real estate. We had no

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money to improve it and make it a real park so just a little at a time we were able to add improvements that finally made it the beautiful park it is today.

We had a lady on our Board at that time by the name of Barbara Braim who served as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation committee. Even though we were financially strapped it was Barbara's dream that we have a "real" park and thanks to her persistence, we have. Today we host many activities in this fine facility. Throughout the entire summer we will have numerous activities for people of all ages. The person responsible for this is Trustee Richard Gust, who inherited the job from Barbara Braim.

One unique idea that is proposed for the park this year is a 50's style drive-in movie. In August we host a day we know as "Beach Park Fest" which includes classic and antique automobiles, games, vendors, entertainment and food. This year we add the drive-in theatre to the movie in the park. The projection screen will be larger and you will park your car in a

semicircle and listen to the movie's audio on your radio. The concession stand will be open also. How much more nostalgic can it get?

From the everyday business of keeping our streets in good condition both winter and summer and maintaining our

go we had to go slowly, but on Saturday, *May 1st*, we dedicated a brand-new up-to-date facility on Glendale Avenue that our public works employees call home.

I think most of us should be very proud that we are citizens of Beach Park. We're small and were not



sewer and water distribution we count on our public works group, which we all know do an excellent job. For the past 21 years these folks have operated from quarters located at the intersection of 29th Street and Green Bay Rd. That facility was less than adequate, it was poorly lighted, had limited workspace and in a word was just dilapidated. Again, in view of the fact that we pay as we

known in a large area, but those that do know us certainly must envy what we have done and how quickly we have done it. With all of that being said I want to thank everyone who has been a part of it, including all of our residents who support the Village and join me and simply saying "Happy Birthday".

Mayor Milt Jensen



If at any time you are interested in attending one of our public Village Board Meetings, please join us every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the Board Chamber's of the Lower Level of the Village Hall. The Village Hall is located at 11270 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park, IL or watch us online at www.villageofbeachpark.com.

HOME & GARAGE SALES, HOW MANY CAN YOU HAVE?

Thinking about having a garage/yard sale? Before you do, please read the following Zoning Ordinance:

Section: 9.5.3 "Uses and Structures" # 6 Home and Garage Sales: In any residential district, a temporary use permit shall be required for a home or garage sale. The sale must be incidental to the use of the property for residential purposes and must be conducted in such a manner as to be compatible with the residential character of the neighborhood. Each permit shall be valid for a period of not more than four (4) days. Not more than two (2) permits for a home or garage sale shall be issued for the same zoning lot in one (1) calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

Please call the code enforcement office if you have any questions at 847-246-6001. Thank you!



BEACH PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are very pleased to be of service to you. Your continued support has always been our pillar of success and we are appreciative of all who have helped us become what we are today.

If you haven't already done so, please change your batteries in all your smoke detectors.

Speaking of safety, lets all remember that we need a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in our homes. If you need help installing one please call us we will be more than happy to help you install yours.

Beach Park Fire Protection District is pleased to announce that we have added to the available hospitals we may transport to, it includes The North Chicago Veteran's Hospital, (for qualified veterans with veterans benefits.) As a reminder we transport residents to Vista East and West in Waukegan, Lake Forest, Condell, in Libertyville and St Catherine's in Kenosha, WI.

Don't forget that we are here to help out the Beach Park Residents. If you need us for a Birthday Party or a Block Party please call us so we can schedule your event. Also if you would like to schedule a tour or reserve our conference room for a meeting please let us know.

*T.J Alexander
Captain
Fire Prevention Officer*



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REMINDER OF THE PARKING ORDINANCE

September 11, 2007, the Village of Beach Park enacted an ordinance which restricts parking upon any street within the Village of Beach Park. The ordinance reads as follows:

Chapter 10.08, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

10.08.010: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS:

A. No person shall stop, stand or park any type of motorized vehicle whether

attended or unattended:

1. On a roadway; or
2. On a sidewalk; or
3. Within an intersection; or
4. On a crosswalk; or
5. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty feet (30') of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings; or
6. Upon any bridge or other elevated structure; or
7. On any railroad track; or
8. Within fifteen feet (15') of a fire hydrant; or
9. Within thirty feet (30') of a STOP sign; or
10. In front of a public or private driveway.

B. Parking shall only be permitted where curb and gutters currently exist or in an area that a parking plan is specified and posted.

C. Only motor vehicles bearing registration plates or decals issued to persons with disabilities pursuant to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/3-609, 3-616 and 11-1301.2 shall be permitted to park in places designated for persons with disabilities. Such parking places shall be posted with an official sign pursuant to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-301 and also indicate that a fine up to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) may be imposed for any violation. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this subsection shall be fined three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) in addition to any costs or charges connected with the removal or storage of any motor vehicle parked in violation, as well as any costs incurred by the village, including

reasonable attorney fees.

D. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right hand wheels parallel to and within twelve inches (12") of the right hand curb or as close as practical to the right edge of the right hand shoulder. (Ord. 2009-O-47 § 1: Ord. 2009-O-19 § 1: Ord. 2007-O-54 § 1)

HOME PARTIES, GATHERINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS

Planning a Celebration, Graduation, Birthday Party at your home this year? If so you will need a NO CHARGE PERMIT. This permit will allow you to park vehicles on **ONE** side of the road during this event. In the meantime if you have any questions, please call the permit department at: 847-246-6006 and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Have a great Summer!

Building & Zoning Department

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

The Village of Beach Park needs your help in protecting our valuable water resources by eliminating illicit discharges to the storm sewer system. An illicit discharge is defined as any discharge to the storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water.

Sources of illicit discharges may include materials such as:

- Sanitary wastewater
- Gas and motor oil

- Household cleansers
- Paints
- Pesticides
- Solvents
- Vehicle spills
- Weed killers
- Radiator flushing disposal
- Laundry wastewaters

Please report any suspected illicit discharges to the storm sewer system to Ken Lopez at the Village Hall at 847-746-1770.



The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is continuing its expanded HCW (Household Chemical Waste Program).

Residents have two ways to dispose of their household chemical waste free of charge:

- 1) Year-Round Collections Events are held twice a month (the second Saturday and the fourth Monday) at SWALCO's permanent facility located at 1311 N. Estes Street, Gurnee, IL, by appointment only. Sign up at www.swalco.org.
- 2) SWALCO's Mobile Events are held at locations throughout Lake County from April thru November with no appointment necessary.

Visit SWALCO's Household Chemical Waste Collection Events webpage for the location of mobile events near you! You can also call SWALCO at 847-336-9340 for more information.

PARKS & RECREATION...

Great news!! The residents of Beach Park will soon be able to enjoy another park in Beach Park. We hope to be completed with the enhancements to the "Braim Park" located at the corner of Major Avenue & Stonewood Drive by the end of this summer! We hope to see everyone out at our parks this summer enjoying all of the recreational activities we have scheduled.... Here is just a short list of what we have going on from Parks & Recreation...

June 26, 2010—Village Wide Rummage Sale out at the Cambridge Subdivision ending the day with a "Movie in the Park". Movie TBA

July 10, 2010— "Concert in the Park with Brian Harris" 2PM at the Geo-Karis Park located off of Beach Road.

August 21, 2010—3rd Annual Beach Park Fest with food, games and a car show at the Geo-Karis Park.

September 18, 2010—"50's Style" Drive-in Movie... you won't even have to get out of your car!! Movie TBA after dusk.

Don't forget to check out our **Farmer's Market** starting June 1st! It will run every Tuesday thru October 12th from 2pm to 7pm at the corner of Wadsworth & Lewis.

Check with the Village Hall at 847-746-1770 for other events and activities....

Hope you have a great summer!

Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee

Trustee Richard Gust



Richard Gust

NEWS FROM BENTON TOWNSHIP OFFICES

AARP Driving School: June 8th & June 9th. 10 am till 2 pm. Call to sign up, space is limited.

June 12th 3 - 10 pm Footsteps for Families Relay Fundraiser to benefit Assistance in Health-care. Location: Zion-Benton Twp. High School. Register online at www.zbths.org.

Farmers Market Coupons available for seniors age 62+ (one coupon book per household) for Beach Park & Zion Farmers Markets. Pick up at Township office.

Seniors need help filling out Circuit Breaker Forms? Date will be in July. Call end of June for exact date.

55 & OVER: DINNER 6 pm Line Dancing 7 pm at Shiloh Center lower level Call 847-746-5500 to sign up. Donation for meal accepted.

55 & Over Walk N-Breakfast Club: Mondays 8 am walking at the Leisure Center Sports Arena 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion Breakfast 9:30 am, donations accepted. Call to sign up 847-746-5500.

Free Amplified Phones: neither age nor income a requirement! Pick up application at Township Office.

Drop off non perishable food & health/beauty products for local food pantries

Dial-A-Ride Bus Service for Benton Township residents. Service Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays; 8:30 am till 4 pm. To schedule a ride call 1-800-201-6446 one day in advance.

Senior Free Ride Program: Senior citizens age 65 or over are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the CTA, Metra, & Pace. Call for appt. to apply & have your picture taken.

Meals on Wheels call (847) 546-5733 ask for Meals on Wheels program.

Free Rules of the Road booklets & Illinois State maps available at Township office.

Benton Greenwood Cemetery: cemetery plots available. Call for more information.



BENTON TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR,
JAN SUTHARD

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OFFICE IS LOCATED AT THE
NORTHWEST CORNER OF
GREENBAY ROAD AND
29TH STREET.

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